DISPUTE OVER CUT OFF POINT REGARDING PAYMENT OF CCS

2386. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not clarified the issue of dispute over cut off point in the matter of payment of Cash Compensatory Support to exporters;

(b) whether delay has been causing apprehension to the commitment made by Government to exporters earlier;

(c) if so, what further steps are being taken to restore trust in Government orders/circulars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) Government have issued clear instructions to all concerned, about the cut off point in the matter of calculation of cash compensatory support to exporters.

SALES TAX EVASION NOTICE TO STC

2387. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Enforcement authorities have issued sales tax evasion notice of the State Trading Corporation of India (STC) for alleged nonpayment of sales tax on the import of 30,000 tonnes of newsprint from Balkana Paper Mills in Russia as reported in the Economic Times of 8th December, 1993;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the authorities found a defective document which was presented to Customs for clearance in connection with a consignment of 10,000 tonnes of newsprint which arrived on board a Russian ship during the current year;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what are the facts in this regard; and

(d) what are the reasons for evading sales tax and what action Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Though the quantity mentioned in the Sales Tax Notice is 30,000 tonnes, a quantity of 4,000 tonnes only was imported by STC at Bombay during the period covered by the Notice. There is no mention of any defective document in the Sales Tax Notice.

From Sept. 1993, till date, STC has imported only 14,000 tonnes of Russian newsprint against its licence for 30,000 tonnes and the imported quantity has been received at Bombay, Madras and Calcutta and most of the newsprint has already been sold on high seas sale basis.

STC has contended that it is not liable to pay Sales Tax on high seas sales. Necessary information has been supplied by STC to the Sales Tax authorities in Bombay in response to the Notice. Government has also directed the Vigilance division of STC to enquire into the matter.

चीन द्वारा अपनी औषधियों को भारत में बहुत कम मूल्यों पर बेचे जाने के संबंध में इण्डियन ड्रग्स मैनुफैक्चरर्स एसोसिएशन की ओर से प्राप्त हुई शिकायतें

2388. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या यह सच है सरकार को चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान इण्डियन ड्रग्स मैनुफैक्चरर्स एसोसियेशन ओरली, बम्बई की ओर से इस आशय की शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं कि चीन में निर्मित औषधियों से भारतीय बाजार को पाट दिये जाने के कारण स्थानीय औषध निर्माण एककों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है और इसके परिणामस्वरूप स्थानीय औषध निर्माण एकक बन्द होने के कगार पर पहुंच गये हैं ;